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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

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## **AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on August 13, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.